



PRESS RELEASE

AG Gansler Announces Settlement with Montgomery Co. Pharmacy Owner

River Rx billed Medicaid for prescriptions and refills from bogus doctor

Baltimore, MD (December 30, 2014) -Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler today announced that River Rx, Inc., and Narender Dhallan, a pharmacist and owner of River Rx, resolved allegations that the pharmacy submitted bills for false prescriptions for a Maryland Medicaid recipient. River Rx, which is based in Montgomery County, will pay Maryland more than \$160,000 in restitution and other recoveries.

"Defrauding the Medicaid program is an affront to all Marylanders whose tax dollars help to pay for the program," said Attorney General Gansler. "Recovering this money is yet another achievement for this office's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit."

Maryland Medicaid provides prescription coverage for its recipients and requires pharmacists to conform to all state and federal pharmacy requirements. Between March 2011 and March 2013, River Rx billed the Medicaid program for 280 prescriptions and refills allegedly written by a Florida doctor. The doctor does not exist, and River Rx submitted the names of actual Maryland doctors as prescribers in order to get payment from the Medicaid program. The false prescriptions were originally brought to the attention of the Attorney General's Office by a Managed Care Organization, which delivers health care as part of the Maryland Medicaid program.

In making the announcement, Attorney General Gansler thanked Assistant Attorneys General Jennifer S. Forsythe and Ilene J. Nathan, and Chief of Investigations Peggy Gayhardt, all of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, for their work on this case.